

REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION

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*November 5, 2002*

**FROM:** PATRICIA L. NICKOLS, Executive Director  
Community Services Department

**SUBJECT:** LOW INCOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM AND CALIFORNIA  
ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY PROGRAM WITH BEAR VALLEY  
ELECTRIC SERVICE

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve contract between Bear Valley Electric Service (BVES) and Community Services Department (CSD) in the amount of \$161,000 for CSD to conduct outreach efforts and enroll BVES customers in the Low-Income Energy Efficiency (LIEE) and California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) program from August 29, 2002 through December 31, 2003.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Since 1978, the Board of Supervisors has approved, on behalf of CSD, numerous contracts with State agencies as well as local utility companies for CSD to provide low-income energy assistance programs to eligible San Bernardino County residents to help reduce their energy burden.

The Bear Valley Electric Service has contracted with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to offer energy efficiency services to customers using funding from the California Legislature under SBX1 5. The contract with the CPUC required BVES to invoice the CPUC in order to be reimbursed for expenditures under the energy efficiency programs.

Under the Low-Income Energy Efficiency contract, CSD outreach staff will identify and verify eligible low-income customers for participation in the BVES LIEE program. CSD will also evaluate electric appliances to determine if energy efficient appliances and/or efficiency measures can be installed or retrofitted.

Under the California Alternate Rates for Energy program, CSD outreach staff will identify low-income customers, to participate in the BVES CARE rate program, and assist customers as needed with the completion of CARE application. BVES will pay CSD \$12.00 for each new customer enrolled in CARE.

Although the effective date of this contract is August 29, 2002, the contract was not received until October 10, 2002, which precluded its approval prior to the effective date. CSD has not commenced any activities pending approval by the Board of Supervisors.

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**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** This contract has been reviewed by Risk Management, (Donia Brooks, Staff Analyst on October 10, 2002), County Counsel (Regina Coleman, Deputy on October 15, 2002), and by County Administrative Office (Gary Morris, Administrative Analyst) on October 25, 2002.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The total financial impact of this contract is \$161,000, which is fully reimbursed by BVES. The amount of this contract is included in CSD's 02/03 budget. There are no local costs to the County.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** All

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